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Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (currently amended) A method for deterring duplicate printing of a first image comprising:

receiving a request relating to the first image from a client system;

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of a sample image to a portion of a program window in the client system that is visible to the user; and

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of the first image to a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a shipping label having a postage indicia comprising a postage indicia code;

the sample image comprises a sample shipping label having a sample postage indicia;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system program is provided by a first web server.

3.   (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the sample shipping label includes a sample indicator.

4.   (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

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providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein

the formatting instructions prevent user access to the second frame.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein

the formatting instructions prevent user access to a non-visible portion of the

client system program window.

6.   (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:

the sample image is an image file using an image file format selected from the

group: GIF, BMP, TIFF, JPEG, PIX, PNG and PCX; and

the sample indicator comprises an indication to the user that the label is not

valid for postage.

7.   (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:

the sample indicator comprises an overlay for obscuring the postage indicia of

the sample label.

8.   (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:

the sample image has the same dimensions as the first image.

9.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the sample image comprises the first image and a superimposed sample

indicator.

10.   (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing a first logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program

window for receiving an indication of a sample print request; and

providing a second logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system

program window for receiving an indication of a non-sample print request.

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11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving at least one indicator from a user indicating whether the non-sample print request was successful.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

determining whether the received indicators indicate that a threshold of print failures has been reached; and

if the threshold of print failures has been reached, providing an indication that the print request is invalid.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein:

the first logic indicator and second logic indicator are presented in a second visible frame.

14. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:

the first image includes image portions obtained from a second web server; and

the sample image comprises image portions obtained from a second web server.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein

the formatting instructions prevent scrolling and resizing of the client system program window, thereby preventing user access to the second frame.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a document of value;

the sample image comprises a sample document of value;

the client system program comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

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the web browser application provides a non visible portion <u>of the page</u> for displaying a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein

the document of value comprises a document selected from the group: ticket, receipt, article, report, financial instrument and contract.

18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the sample image includes a sample indicator.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a document of value;

the sample image comprises an image related to the document of value;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion <u>of a page</u> for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion <u>of the page</u> for displaying a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein

the sample image is a portion of the document of value.

21. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein

the sample image is an article abstract.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program <u>display</u> window that is not visible to the user.

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23.   (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.

24.   (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.

25.   (original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.